<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-22.   (canceled)

23.   (currently amended) A method performed by one or more server devices, the method comprising:

receiving, at one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a plurality of search queries from a client device;

creating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a customized news document including a plurality of personalized news sections, with each news section being defined by one of the plurality of search queries;

~~receiving~~ <u>identifying</u>, [[at]] <u>by</u> one or more processors of the one or more server devices, ~~an indication, from the client device, specifying~~ a number of news items to include in at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections;

retrieving, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, items of news content from memory using the plurality of search queries; and

inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to the <u>identified</u> ~~specified~~ number of news items, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

24.   (currently amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

retrieving updated items of news content from the memory using the plurality of search

queries; and

periodically inserting the selected items of news content of the updated items of news

content, corresponding to the <u>identified</u> ~~specified~~ number of news items, into the at least one of

the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

25.   (previously presented) The method of claim 23, where the items of news content are

retrieved from a plurality of news source servers and aggregated via a news aggregation service

in the memory.

26.   (previously presented) The method of claim 25, where the customized news document is

hosted at a news aggregation server that further hosts the news aggregation service.

27.   (previously presented) The method of claim 25, where the customized news document is

hosted at a server that is remote from a news aggregation server that hosts the news aggregation

service.

28.   (previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

notifying the client device of the updated items of news content.

29.   (currently amended) The method of claim 28, where notifying the client device of the

updated items of news content comprises notifying a user of the client device via at least one of a

page, an e-mail, a [[FAX]] fax, [[and]] or a telephone call.

30.　(previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

registering the customized news document with a registry; and

providing access for other users to the customized news document via the registry.

31.　(currently amended) A news aggregation server, comprising:

a memory to store instructions and news content; and

a processing unit to execute the instructions in memory to:

obtain a plurality of search queries from a user,

create a customized news document including a plurality of personalized news

sections, with each news section being defined by one of the plurality of search queries,

retrieve items of news content from the memory using the plurality of search

queries,

~~receive an indication, from the user, specifying~~ identify a manner of ranking news

items within the plurality of personalized news sections, where the identified ~~user-~~

~~specified~~ manner of ranking news items for one personalized news section of the plurality

of personalized news section differs from the identified ~~user-specified~~ manner of ranking

news items for another personalized news section of the plurality of personalized news

sections,

rank, based on the identified ~~user-specified~~ manner of ranking news items,

selected items of news content, of the retrieved items of news content, in a ranked order,

and

insert the selected items of news content, of the retrieved items of news content,

in the ranked order into the one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the

customized news document.

32-38. (canceled)

39.   (currently amended) A system, comprising:

one or more server devices comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of search queries from a user;

means for creating a customized news document including a plurality of

personalized news sections, with each news section being defined by one of the plurality of

search queries;

means for identifying ~~receiving an indication from the user specifying~~ a number

of news items to include in at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections;

means for retrieving items of news content from a plurality of sources of news

content using the plurality of search queries; and

means for inserting selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news

content, corresponding the identified ~~specified~~ number of news items, into the at least one of the

plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document.

40. (currently amended) A method performed by one or more server devices, the method comprising:

dividing, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a news document into a plurality of news sections;

receiving, at one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a first search query and a second search query from a client device;

~~receiving, at one or more processors of the one or more server devices, an indication from a user of the client device specifying~~ identifying a manner of ranking news items within a first news section of the plurality of news sections;

searching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, news content based on the first search query to obtain a first set of related news items;

ranking, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, based on the ~~user specified~~ identified manner of ranking news items, the first set of related news items in a ranked order;

searching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, the news content based on the second search query to obtain a second set of related news items;

populating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, the first news section of the plurality of news sections with the first set of related news items in the ranked order; and

populating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a second news section of the plurality of news sections with the second set of related news items.

41.   (previously presented) The method of claim 40, where the first and second search queries are received from the client device via a network.

42.   (previously presented) The method of claim 40, where the first and second search queries are selected by a user of the client device from a list of search queries.

43.   (previously presented) The method of claim 42, where the list of search queries comprises search queries previously used by the user to search the news content.

44.   (currently amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

~~receiving an indication from the client device specifying~~ identifying a number of news items to include in the first news section,

where populating the first news section comprises obtaining the number of news items from the first set of related news items.

45.   (currently amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

~~receiving an indication from the client device specifying~~ identifying one or more preferences for certain kinds of news sources for the news content,

where searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on the one or more preferences.

46.   (canceled)

47.   (currently amended) The method of claim 40, where ranking, based on the identified ~~user specified~~ manner of ranking news items, the first set of related news items in a ranked order comprises:

          receiving selected keywords from the user; and

          boosting selected news items of the first set of related news items higher in the ranked order when the selected news items contain one or more of the selected keywords.

48.   (currently amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

          ~~receiving an indication from a user specifying~~ identifying preferences for journalists who author news items of the news content,

          where searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on the identified ~~user-specified~~ preferences for journalists.

49.   (currently amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

          ~~receiving an indication from a user specifying~~ identifying preferences for genres of news among the news content,

          where searching the news content based on the first search query is further based on the ~~user-specified~~ identified preferences for genres of news.

50.   (previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

          deleting the first news section from the news document based on an instruction received

from a user.

51.   (previously presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

labeling, on the news document, the first news section with a first label related to the first

search query.

52.   (previously presented) The method of claim 51, further comprising:

labeling, on the news document, the second news section with a second label related to

the second search query.

53.   (previously presented) The method of claim 40, where the first and second search

queries are received from a user and further comprising:

providing the news document to the user.

54.   (currently amended) A computer-readable memory device containing instructions for

execution by one or more processors, the computer-readable memory device including

instructions for performing a method, the method comprising:

aggregating news content from a plurality of news source servers;

dividing a web page into a plurality of news sections;

receiving a personalized search query from a user;

~~receiving an indication from the user specifying~~ identifying a number of news items to

include in the first news section;

searching the aggregated news content based on the personalized search query to obtain a

first set of related news items; and

populating only a first news section of the plurality of news sections of the web page with

a number of the first set of related news items corresponding to the identified ~~user specified~~

number of news items.

55. (previously presented) The computer-readable memory device of claim 54, where the

personalized search query is received from the user via a network.

56. (previously presented) The computer-readable memory device of claim 54, where the

personalized search query is selected by the user from a list of search queries.

57. (previously presented) The computer-readable memory device of claim 56, where the list

of search queries comprises search queries previously used by the user to search the news

content.

58. (currently amended) The computer-readable memory device of claim 54, further

comprising:

~~receiving an indication from the user specifying~~ identifying one or more preferences for

certain kinds of news sources for the news content,

where searching the news content based on the personalized search query is further based

on the one or more preferences.

59.   (currently amended) The computer-readable memory device of claim 54, further

comprising:

~~receiving an indication from the user that specifies~~ identifying a manner for ranking news

content within the first news section; and

ranking news items of the first set of related news items in a rank order based on the

identified ~~specified~~ manner for ranking.

60.   (previously presented) The computer-readable memory device of claim 54, further

comprising:

receiving selected keywords from the user; and

ranking selected news items of the first set of related news items based on the selected

keywords.

61.   (currently amended) The computer-readable memory device of claim 54, further

comprising:

~~receiving an indication from the user specifying~~ identifying preferences for journalists

who author news items of the news content,

where searching the news content based on the personalized search query is further based

on the identified ~~user-specified~~ preferences for journalists.

62.   (currently amended) The computer-readable memory device of claim 54, further

comprising:

~~receiving an indication from the user specifying~~ <u>identifying</u> preferences for genres of news among the news content,

where searching the news content based on the personalized search query is further based on the <u>identified</u> ~~user-specified~~ preferences for genres of news.

63.   (previously presented) The computer-readable memory device of claim 54, further comprising:

providing the web page to the user.

64.   (previously presented) A method performed by one or more server devices, the method comprising:

crawling, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices and using a web robot, news content documents hosted by a plurality of news source servers;

fetching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, news content from the crawled news content documents;

indexing, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, the fetched news content to produce indexed news content;

dividing, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a news document into a plurality of news sections;

receiving, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a first user search query from a client device via a communication interface;

searching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, the indexed news

content based on the first user search query to obtain a first set of related news items; and

populating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, only a first

news section of the plurality of news sections of the news document with the first set of related

news items.

65.   (previously presented) The method of claim 64, where the news document comprises a

web page.

66.   (previously presented) The method of claim 64, further comprising:

obtaining a second set of related news items from the fetched news content; and

populating a second news section of the plurality of news sections of the news document

with the second set of related news items, wherein the second news section is different than the

first news section.

67.   (previously presented) The method of claim 64, further comprising:

receiving a second user search query;

searching the indexed news content based on the second user search query to obtain a

second set of related news items; and

populating only a second news section of the plurality of news sections of the news

document with the second set of related news items.

68.   (currently amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

crawling, ~~using a web robot,~~ news content documents hosted by a plurality of news

source servers;

fetching news content from the crawled news content documents; and

indexing the fetched news content to produce indexed news content stored in the

memory,

where retrieving items of news content from memory comprises:

searching the indexed news content based on the plurality of search queries to retrieve the

items of news content.

69.   (previously presented) The news aggregation server of claim 31, where the processing

unit is further to execute the instructions in memory to:

retrieve updated items of news content from the memory using the plurality of search

queries; and

periodically insert the selected items of new content of the updated items of news content

in the ranked order into the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections of the

customized news document.

70.   (previously presented) The news aggregation server of claim 31, where the items of

news content are retrieved from a plurality of news sourse servers and aggregated via a news

aggregation service in the memory.

71.   (previously presented) The system of claim 39, where the one or more server devices

further comprise:

  means for registering the customized news document with a registry; and

  means for providing access, for other users, to the customized news document via the

registry.

72.   (previously presented) The system of claim 39, where the one or more server devices

further comprise:

  means for ranking the selected items of news content based on a user-specified manner of

ranking the items of news content.